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report, including sketch, on the Soviet Ordnance Depot

in Biesenthal. The report is essentially an explanation of

the attached sketch

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1. Attached at Appendix 'A' is a sketch giving an approximate layout of the Ordnance Depot, BIESENTHAL [redacted] The depot is on the site of a former factory and is still known locally as the ROLANDT WERKE. It lies W of the railway line from BERLIN to EBERSWALDE and S of the road from BIESENTHAL to GRUNTAL. 50X1-HUM

2. Key to the sketch is as follows:

1. 4 x Soviet manned watchtowers, one at each corner of the depot.
2. Main entrance to the depot, permanently guarded by Soviet sentries.
3. The main part of an L-shaped building, occupied by Soviet troops and serving as accommodation for troops within the depot.
4. The shorter leg of the L-shaped building & housing the telephone exchange of the depot.
5. Two large, open-sided wooden sheds in which guns were parked on 20.5.60.
6. Two woodensheds. The one nearer the railway line is used for coal storage.
7. A large, open-sided wooden garage in which trucks were parked on 20.5.60.
8. Two parallel stone buildings. It is not known what they are used for.
9. A stone block providing accommodation for Soviet officers and families.
10. A shed in which some 12 x workshop trucks were parked on 20.5.60.
11. Three large stone buildings, standing in line, which were the main factory buildings of the former ROLANDT WERKE. They are used as workshops by the Soviets.
12. The chimney of the former factory.
13. Two buildings on the depot side of HELLWIG strasse which are still occupied by German civilian families.
14. A telephone line which runs from the telephone exchange out of the depot. It consists of 8 wires running over one cross-traverse. Of these wires 4 run to BIESENTHAL POL depot [redacted] and 4 to BIESENTHAL SAF Ammo depot [redacted] 50X1-HUM

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15. Another telephone line which runs from the telephone exchange out of the depot. It consists of 16 wires, of which 8 run over each of 2 cross-traverses, and runs to a distributor post (Verteilermast) at MELCHOW.
3. Total occupation of the depot is estimated at some 250 Soviets.
4. Houses at Nos. 104, 105 and 106, Bahnhofstr. BIESENTHAL, which runs along the N side of the depot, are occupied by Soviet officers and belong to the depot.
5. Troops in the depot wear Arty badges.

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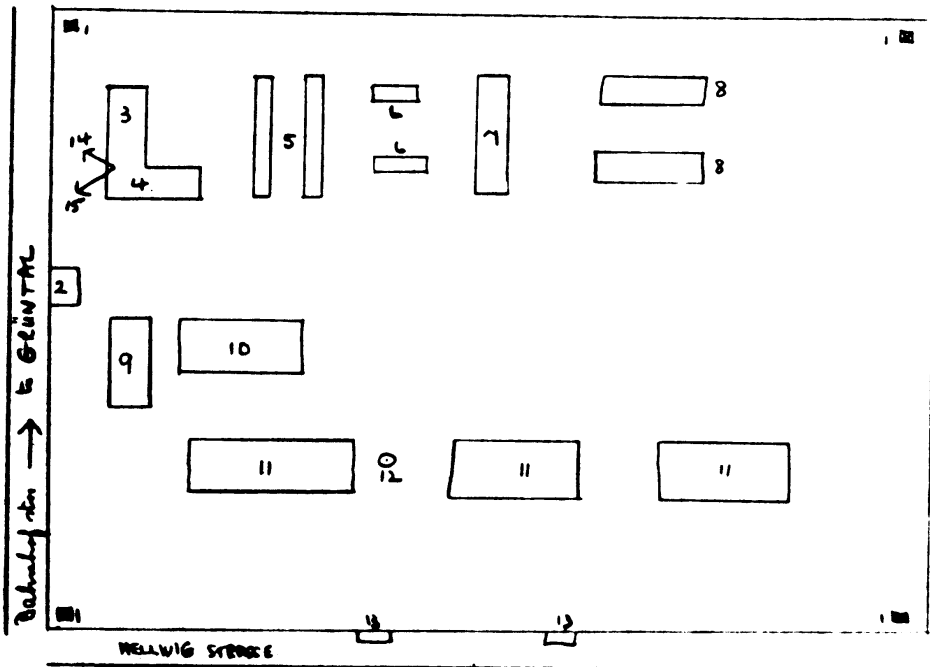
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